

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01698-APM**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/11/2019
Jury Demand: None
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

Plaintiff

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RESPONSIBILITY**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/11/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6180087) filed by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet cover sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons agency summons, # <u>3</u> Summons AG summons, # <u>4</u> Summons USAO DC Summons, # <u>5</u> Declaration 7.1 disclosure)(Jenkins, Peter) (Attachment 1 replaced on 6/11/2019) (zef,). (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/11/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. (zef,) (Entered: 06/11/2019)
06/12/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zef,) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Diana Viggiano Valdivia on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/17/2019)
07/17/2019	<u>5</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 07/17/2019)

07/18/2019	<u>6</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before August 1, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Please see the attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 07/18/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/1/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
08/01/2019	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 08/01/2019)
08/05/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report on or before September 30, 2019, which updates the court on the agency's search and production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 8/05/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/05/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/30/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 08/06/2019)
09/30/2019	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 09/30/2019)
10/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by October 30, 2019, which advises whether there remain any disputed issues and, if so, proposes a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/01/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/01/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/30/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 10/01/2019)
10/30/2019	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Valdivia, Diana) (Entered: 10/30/2019)
10/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file a Joint Status Report by December 5, 2019, which advises whether they have reached agreement on fees and, if not, proposes a briefing schedule, unless the parties file a stipulation of dismissal before that date. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 10/31/2019. (lcapm1) (Entered: 10/31/2019)
10/31/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/5/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 11/01/2019)